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1. A large commercial and naval base is under construction in the Bay of Nagayev (Nagayeva Bukhta, 59-29N, 150-40E). [REDACTED] that the Soviets are anxious to build support bases in the Far East and applicants for this work are given preferential consideration. The area was first settled just prior to World War II, source heard.
2. According to a decision of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR announced in 1950, persons recruited for this work must be released from their places of employment and no obstacles may be put in the way of their departure for the Far East. Specialists, such as seamen, railroad workers, mechanics, bookkeepers, and office help, are especially wanted since the need for their services is most urgent.
3. Recruitment announcements were posted on the streets in Klaipeda in 1950. While in Vilnius [REDACTED], source inquired at the recruiting center which is located in the Ministry of Interior building on Katedra Aikste (Cathedral Square). To enter the building source had to obtain a pass from the Propusknoye Byuro on the corner of Pilies Garve (Castle Street) and Katedra Aikste. He talked to the director of recruitment, (fnu) Biyeliayev, and was informed that recruitment is on a voluntary basis and the pay very good. Employees sign a contract for three years. Two-months vacation is granted each year.
4. Travel is by train in special cars. Workers are permitted to take their families; travel expenses are paid; and each individual is authorized 20 rubles expense money a day for the trip. (A family of five persons would receive 100 rubles per day.) Upon arriving in Moscow, each employee receives 2,000 rubles pocket money for the trip, source heard.
5. The employee signs three copies of a contract and carries one copy with him. Contracts are printed forms. He also receives a pass for a restricted zone. Passports are surrendered during the trip.
6. A captain of a trawler was offered 2,000 rubles a month for a job connected with the construction project. Mechanics of the third group (mechanics are rated as first, second, or third group, the most qualified comprising the first group) were offered 1600-1700 rubles a month.

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7. The climate at Nagayev Bay is very cold and damp and there is much fog. The bay is frozen over except for three months of the year. Source heard that there is a lack of vitamin content in the diet and that one begins to lose hair and teeth. He described the disease as tsinga (scurvy).
8. From conversations with Russians in Klaipeda source heard that up to about 1950 only prisoners (criminal and political) and deportees were employed at this base in the Far East. However, the Soviets are now attempting to colonize the area with permanent settlers.
9. The procedure in applying for employment for the Bay of Nagayev project is as follows:
  - a. Obtain release and kharakteristika (character estimate) from place of employment.
  - b. Pass through Medical Commission.
  - c. Register for departure.
  - d. If Party member, obtain kharakteristika from the Party.
  - e. Fill out several forms (source could not recall how many or exactly what information is required).
  - f. Obtain permit for restricted zone from MVD in recruiting center at Vilnius.
10. Branch recruiting offices are located in Klaipeda (on the third floor of the Militia Section building on Pievu Gatve, translated as Meadow Street), Kaunas, and Siauliai.

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